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EMF Committee moves closer to health study

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Town's EMF (Electro Magnetic Field) Study Committee met on October 5 with Dr. Douglas Brugge of the Mass Coalition of Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH). The committee was established to develop a strategy for a health study in the town relative to possible links between the EMF produced by power lines and some forms of cancer.

Committee Chairman Alexander G. Belisle introduced Brugge who gave an informal discussion related to EMF's and possible ways to develop a health study in the town.

Belisle noted in his introduction that Brugge testified at a legislative subcommittee hearing on EMF's at the State House in Boston last year.

Brugge holds a Ph.D. in cellular biology from Harvard and has been involved in the area of industrial hygiene at MassCOSH for the past four years, working on a variety of health related issues for workers.

Brugge noted that up to four years ago he had not even considered EMF's as a worker health issue until he was asked to put together a round table discussion on the concerns of electrical and telephone workers. The conclusions reached as a result of bringing experts to those discussions, Brugge said, was that there is strong evidence that there are indisputable biological effects from EMF and there is at least reason to consider that there are possible adverse effects to people from EMF's.

Brugge referred to several studies that were done relating to worker groups. "I get a general sense that there is a growing pattern of evidence that EMF's have more and more kinds of effects. That is a real sharp contrast to the past when it was considered that EMFs have no effects.

Brugge noted that workers are greatly concerned about losing their jobs which he said has an impact on their willingness to take a stand on the EMF issue. "Secondly," he said, "workers on the job are also at times breathing other toxic materials which might be of greater concern. Nevertheless, there is rising concerns with the issue in electrical occupations."

Turning to an anecdotal story and acknowledging that it lacked scientific proof, Brugge told of a call from a union representative concerned over the occurrence of a lymphoma in four out of six workers using a welding machine. "Since the public awareness and concern has increased," he said, "there have been more of these anecdotal stories coming forward. Though not scientific, they do have power and importance because in many cases where there has been carcinogenicity, investigation started with someone looking around the shop floor or their neighborhood and saying, 'Why is it that everyone here has the same problem?' It happened with vinyl chloride, polyvinyl gases and workers in those types of factories who noted a large incidence of liver cancer. When looked into," Brugge said, "it was a rare instance of liver cancer that occurs nowhere else. That was

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Lakeside property: worth the tax?

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - A standing room only crowd of Sutton taxpayers packed into the Council on Aging room to voice complaints to the Selectmen at their October 6 meeting. The complaints are all based on their dispute with the Board of Assessors who, residents say, have raised their property values by as much as 500%. Most of these properties are waterfront properties bordering Singletary Lake, Ramshorn Pond or Manchaug Pond. Residents from other parts of town, some with water views, also argued that Sutton evaluations are unreasonably high. At tonight's meeting, however, members of Concerned Taxpayers of Sutton (CTS) were present primarily to complain that the town has reneged on an agreement between the board of assessors and the Sutton Taxpayers reached with the group on June 9, the eve of a court date at which the group was prepared to argue its case for abatements before the Appellate Tax Board in Boston. In addition, residents expressed their anger at what they alleged was discourteous, uncivil and disparaging treatment by two members of the board of assessors.

Jim Gvazdauskaus, who has served as a Sutton Assessor, was the spokesman for the group. He explained that Town Counsel, the group's counsel, Sutton's appraiser, and their appraiser met on June 5 and worked out an agreement for property tax abatements. He said that at 9:30 pm, the evening of June 8, the attorney for the citizen's group told them to accept the agreement which was then subsequently announced publicly as having been resolved.

"The 36 Concerned Sutton Taxpayers want to know where their (rebate) money is?" Gvazdauskaus asked. He said the group settled for years 1991, 1992, and 1993, and lived up to the assessor's "all or nothing" condition. This condition was that all complainants had to agree to the settlement or none would be settled. He said that the seven-member Executive Committee of the group agreed to the settlement as a compromise although no one was really pleased with the resolution. "We accepted what the assessor's proposed to us to save any more money for the town to go to court or to save our money we spent already," Gvazdaislais said. "We tried to resolve this from the beginning by not going to court. As far as we are concerned, litigation is over."

Gvazdauskaus explained that from Fiscal Year 1990 to 1991 there was a reevaluation of the Town of Sutton. Waterfront property owners' taxes doubled, tripled, and in some cases quadrupled, he said.

A number of property owners spoke to the board, including Carl Sundquist who said he has owned property on Lake Singletary since 1926. He complained that an acre of land on Singletary in Millbury is evaluated at $40,000 while his acre is $168,000.

Paul Hammarstrom said his taxes in 1980 were $470 and in 1990, $948 or a 100% increase. In 1990, his land value assessment was $49,500 and the building value was

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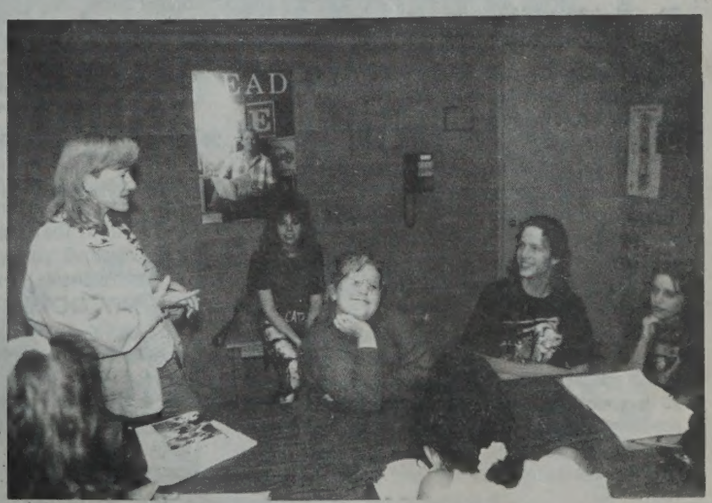
Halloween events in Millbury and Sutton promise fun for all

Area youngsters won't have to travel beyond Sutton and Millbury to get scared out of their wits for Halloween. In Sutton, work is underway (photo above) for a Haunted House at the Sutton town beach on Tuttle Road, off Singletary Avenue. The House will be open from Sunday, October 25 through Friday, October 30, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $2.00 for adults; $1.00 for children; no charge for children under five. This event is being put on by the Veterans Memorial Field Committee and the Sutton Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Jr./Sr. High School. Funds raised will be used for the junior class prom and for playground equipment for Memorial Field. Refreshments will be sold.



In Millbury, the Youth Center will host its third annual Halloween Party for children in preschool through 5th grade on October 31st from 6-9 p.m. Planning a wide variety of creepy activities are (photo above) l-r: Youth Center Director Penny Downs, Alicia Arsenault, Pam Eilert, Jay Gagan, and Jess Arsenault.

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We The People

Vote with your head

To the Editor:

It has been attributed to Immanuel Kant, a philosopher, that, "The best form of government is not that in which it is most comfortable to live, but rather that in which the rights of the citizen are most secure."

On Tuesday, October 27, the voters of Millbury who wish to exercise and secure their most basic political right, to make a free choice, can vote for two by-laws that will enhance and expand the power of their votes: recall and referendum.

These two by-laws will secure your basic right and offer a moderate approach to add to existing ones without asking for wholesale changes, which have been asked for on two previous occasions and soundly defeated.

Some of those who hold positions of power and those who live close to seats of power, will spew out emotional and self-serving incantations of fear. They already hold in their own minds suspicions that the citizenry will act without responsibility and constraint. Another missed opportunity to address the ever widening gap of alienation, disaffection, disenchantment of the people.

How else explain the number of blanks in the last town election that were greater than votes cst for several elected positions.

Close to Millbury and throughout this whole commonwealth, a large number of towns have recall. They seem to handle it without difficulty. Are we so different that we as voters can't do the same? Some officials and those close to seats of power seem to think so. I think we can vote responsibly.

Are our officials more overly sensitive, more insecure and less ready to accept the challenges of office than those towns already with a recall by-law? I don't think so. Some elected officials and others close to seats of power think so. Are the citizens of Millbury less able to act responsibly, reasonably and within judicious constraints than those in other communities? Some officials and those close to seats of power think so. I think we can act responsibly, reasonably and within judicious constraints.

There is an old proverb from India that says, "That which is not given is lost." Vote with your head and your feet. Use your right to free choice.

Patricia A. Cooney
Millbury

The rights of the people

To the Editor:

On October 27, the Millbury voter-taxpayers will have an opportunity, at the special town meeting, to take control of the reins of their government by voting for two articles. One being Recall, the other Referendum. Both articles, if accepted, will petition the General Court for special enabling legislation which will allow them to be incorporated as town by-laws. After being approved by the General Court, the acts will be placed on the following annual town election ballot for all the registered voters to vote on. Even after acceptance by the voters, these acts may be revoked at a later date by placing them on another annual town election ballot.

Recall will be by petition which is initiated by registered voters. First, 50 voters from each precinct will be required to sign an affidavit stating the grounds for recall. Second, within 20 days, recall petitions must be signed by 50% of the total number of persons who voted at the most recent annual town election. Third, 25% of the total number of voters registered as of the most recent election must vote to make the election valid.

This Recall by-law will be extremely democratic for it requires the participation of a large number of voters to fulfill its requirements. Recall is not character assassination or a political weapon of intimidation. On the contrary, it is the will of the people in whom all power of government originally resides.

The Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Commonwealth states, in part, that the people have an incontestible, unalienable and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter or totally change the same, when their protection, safety, prosperity and happiness require it. This forms the basis upon which Recall of elected officials is based.

Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Millbury

Thank You...

The Sutton Lions Club extends its heartfelt thanks to all who supported our food concession at the recent Waters Farm Days 1992. All proceeds will be used to support worthy local projects. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas tree sale at Sutton Square beginning November 28th.

Obituaries

Marguerite F. Grenier

SPENCER - Marguerite F. (Benoit) Grenier, 74, of 40 Wall Street, formerly of Millbury and Sutton, died September 26th in her home after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 54 years, Robert F. Grenier, Sr.; a son, Robert F. Grenier, of Spencer; a daughter, Lorraine A. Grenier, of Jupiter, FL; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, daughter of Gelais and Florina (LaPlante) Benoit, and lived 62 years in Millbury and four years in Sutton before moving to Spencer in 1988. She attended Millbury High School.

Mrs. Grenier was a former member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Millbury and St. Mark's Church in Sutton.

The funeral was held September 29th from Turgeon Funeral Home with a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Entombment was in Notre Dame Cemetery Mausoleum, Worcester. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, 7 Oak Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Steven T. Koza

SPRING LAKE, NC - Steven T. Koza, 19, of 1821 Clark Street, died October 5th in Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on October 3rd in Sanford, NC.

He leaves his parents, Francis T. "Frank" and Patricia G. "Pat" (Goyette) Koza, with whom he lived; his maternal grandparents, Donald R. and Patsy J. grandfather, Roland T. Goyette of Millbury; nine aunts; nine uncles; and several cousins.

He was born in Worcester and lived there and in Millbury before moving to North Carolina 15 years ago. He attended Western Harnett High School in North Carolina and Central Carolina Technical College in Sanford.

Mr. Koza was a furniture maker for This End Up Manufacturing Co. in Sanford where he had been working for six months.

The funeral was held October 10th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main St., Millbury, with a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Millbury. Entombment was in Notre Dame Cemetery Mausoleum, Worcester.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

MANCHAUG - St. Anne's Church, Main Street, will host a Macaroni and Meatball Supper from 4-7 p.m. $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for children under 12.

MILLBURY - The Administrative Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will sponsor a baked ham supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main St. $6.00.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold its 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast at the Charles F. Minney Post, South Main Street, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. $3.50 per person, $2.50 for Seniors. No charge for children under the age of five.

MILLBURY - Quilt Show, noon to 3 p.m., Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church, Boston Road at the Common, will host a public luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Featured is roast turkey with all the fixings for $3.50.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

MILLBURY - Boy Scout Troop 109 will celebrate its 70th anniversary at 7 p.m. in the Millbury Federated Church. Public invited.

MILLBURY - Tryouts for Millbury Pee-Wee Basketball at the Shaw Middle School Gym. Sixth graders will try out at 6:00 p.m. and seventh & eighth graders at 6:45 p.m. If you were on a Pee-Wee team last year, you do not have to try out.

Another Point of View

Is this the year we get back on track?

By Lawrence Moore

Standing on the porch of the Sutton Town Hall on Tuesday, October 6, I was amazed to see the constant stream of people on their way to beat the deadline to register to vote on November 3.

I should have gotten the message earlier. Several young people who had never voted before told me they had registered, and wanted to know for whom I was voting.

At a meeting I attended on Wednesday, an official from another town commented about the crush of last-minute registrants.

A news flash on local radio reported 1500 new registrants in the last hours at City Hall in Worcester.

Perhaps more than any other event in recent memory, this outpouring of potential voters excited me. Perhaps all this "Get out and vote" was making a difference.

Then, in the papers on Thursday morning were the reports about the Perot infomercial Tuesday on CBS. In mixed reviews from the "experts," his half hour was slammed and derided. Among other things he was called "cold," "impersonal," and "boring." They said he had destroyed his "folk hero" status when he withdrew last July. Other critics said the show talked only of problems and not solutions, and that the show lacked entertainment value.

So much for the experts! Interviewers found that 35% of the viewers found the show "informative," 25% found it "entertaining," and 33% said it helped them decide for whom to vote. An astounding 20% of the viewing audience watched, compared with the 12% considered good by the networks. That's a total of 11.4 million households with 16.6 million people. Compare that 20% audience with the figures for 1988: when Bush and Dukakis were on all three networks the night before election, their ratings were 20.9% for Bush and 22.9% for Dukakis.

I do not for a minute think that these remarkable penetration figures are a show of support for Perot. Rather I see a heightened interest in the election process, simply because more and more people are being affected by the 1992 economic climate. AND they are casting about trying to decide which of the candidates know what the problems are, and which of them propose solutions in which they can have confidence. They are sick of personal attacks; they want answers.

David Matson, Town Clerk in Millbury, estimates between 400 and 600 new registrants were added, about 180 in the last six hours before the registration deadline. He sees the figures as representative of presidential election years and anticipates about 85% of Millbury's 6800 registrants will vote

Ethel O'Day, Town Clerk in Sutton, registered 260 first timers, bringing Sutton's total to 4238, a new high. In Sutton there were many young people, many young couples. Most registered "unenrolled," rejecting party affiliation, but leaving the impression that they felt their vote "important."

A sage once said, "The way to a man's vote is through his pocketbook." Amen! Amen! Let's hope this is the year the American voter gets back on track.

Church Women United Day

BOSTON - Governor William F. Weld has proclaimed October 18th, 1992 "Church Women United Day" in recognition of the organization's 51st Anniversary. Participants in Church Women United (CWU) are Protestant, Orthodox, Roman Catholic and other Christian women who are brought together into one community of prayer, service and advocacy.

The Proclamation reads, in part, "These women are vital contributors to their respective churches and communities and have joined together in an effort to contribute in a positive fashion to world issues of mutual concern."

Booster Club Las Vegas Night

MILLBURY - The Millbury Jr./Sr. High Athletic Boosters will host a Las Vegas Night on Saturday, October 24, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Dudley Gendron Post in Sutton. Admission is $2.00.

Troop 109 Anniversary

MILLBURY - Boy Scout Troop 109 will celebrate its 70th anniversary on Thursday, October 22, at 7 p.m. in the Millbury Federated Church. The public is invited to attend the ceremony. Refreshments will be served in the Church vestry.

Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Selectmen meet with auditors

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The October 6 Selectmen's meeting convened at 7 p.m. with all members present.

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase informed the Board that town counsel has recommended changes to the two Planning Board articles that will appear on the warrant for the October 27 Special Town Meeting. The changes suggest tracking the state statutes relative to the article dealing with the aquifer by-law. Chase asked for the Boards approval of town counsel's recommendations and for posting the warrant, both of which were approved 5-0.

Paul Revere

The Board approved a request from the Board of Governors at Paul Revere for a winter parking ban within the private condominium complex. Spokesperson Sarah Lilley explained that the Board of Governors is looking for a year-round ban eventually but will settle for a winter ban until more research can be made on the appropriate state statutes to effect such a year round ban.

Since the streets are private, the Selectmen must vote to approve the ticketing of illegally parked cars.. Signs and designated off street parking will be identified as well as "no parking" signs to assist the police in enforcing the ban.

Following the approval, both Sarah and Jack Lilley updated the Board on what has taken place since a court ordered modified decree was issued to Forrow Builders. The order required the builder to make modifications to some of the septic systems. Sarah Lilley noted that all work being done by agreement of the developer is being done in the presence of DEP officials. Two buildings have had work on the replacement of distribution boxes completed. A third has taken longer since it took five days to find the box which was discovered some nine feet down. "It's expected that the work being done, when finished, will get us through the winter," said Lilley. "The ultimate best solution would be (to sewer) Grafton Street." She also acknowledged that there has been contact with private property owners and developers not involved with Paul Revere about the extension of a sewer line from another project off Braney Road. She said no formal discussions have taken place at this time.

Jack Lilley updated the Board on the possibility of funding to provide some relief, based on a letter from the Office of Communities and Development headed by Representative Mary Padula. The letter spelled out the criteria for funds available. It also said there is a phrase that refers to "abating public health problems" under which the Condo Association could apply. "The Board will have to support us on this," Lilley said. The Board did vote 5-0 to support the application.

Dog Complaint

A letter was read from Sylvio Bourdeau of 8 Leslie Lane relative to a complaint concerning the excessive barking of a dog owned by the Lemmon family at 10 Leslie Lane which he said constitutes a nuisance and disturbs the peace of people in the area. The letter also chronicled three attempts made by the Bourdeau's to get the matter settled by having the dog quieted and brought in the house. Two calls were made to the police. Bourdeau also said he personally went to the police station to file an official complaint.

Board Chairman Jude Cristo asked Lemon if there was any way the problem could be resolved.

Lemmon said he could move the dog from a tree he is tied to near Bourdeau's bedroom to the other side of the house. "This is one incident where the dog was left out because normally he is brought in at dusk," Lemmon said. "This is one exception, I admit it."

Another neighbor, Paul Rembiszewski, also complained and asked what recourse the people have.

Dog Officer George Royal said the dog is licensed and he cannot go on private property to remove the dog.

Mrs. Lemmon said this was the first time the excessive barking has occurred and said there are other dogs in the neighborhood that bark constantly. "They (owners) are not here tonight," she said.

Audit Report

Partners in the auditing firm of Brown and Barrett were present to give a brief overview of the audit of the town books. The firm specializes in municipal audits and has been doing the audit for Millbury for the past several years.

"Three different types of reports are given," Robert Brown explained, "covering general financial statements with our audit opinions and federal compliance reports as required, dealing with federal grants received to insure compliance with federal regulations with some findings and recommendations as well as a management letter that deals with internal control issues and statutory issues."

Brown said he would focus on the management letter. "The management letter includes areas where we would like to see some improvement," he said. "Some things are taken care of each year by previous audits."

He commented on a future goal for the town such as having a fixed asset group which is not a common thing in Massachusetts.

Selectman Gerry Bleau asked what the advantage would be in such a group.

Brown responded that it helps to have financial records that are more complete.

Bleau also asked what effect it would have on bonding.

Brown replied that he has not had any indication from any agency that it is a big factor but it does raise the confidence level. "It is my feeling that having that type of a reporting gives a better feeling of the quality of the financial reporting system the municipality has."

Brown also said it would be more helpful to have financial procedure manuals in departments. "These manuals would address just how a particular department or office is actually run so if someone new comes in,. they would have some grasp as to where a starting point would be. It would be somewhat like a detailed job description," he said. "It may not be a deficiency in Millbury at this point, but at another time it could."

Brown briefly reviewed concerns over school photography commissions as revenue. He noted there is a lot of debate with school departments over the issue of receiving commissions from photographers for school pictures. "School departments are very protective of any comments we may make," he said.

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Brown said a ruling from the state indicates that commissions given back to the schools for salesare local receipts and not school receipts.

Cristo asked if the commissions should go to the General Fund of the town.

Brown replied that they should. "Since this has been brought up in other communities as well," he said, "many communities are looking to have a third party involved who would spend the money for the benefit of the school. We now have a request for a ruling from the state as to whether the school department can assign its revenue rights to a third party that would spend for their benefit. You'll see that ruling when it comes down," he explained. "Some school systems have had PTO's already doing that, some didn't give commissions but just lowered their prices. We are awaiting a ruling on that as it could lead to a situation where there will not be any monies going to the general fund any more."

"Also in the school departments, there are bank accounts; everyone just about knows about that," Brown continued. "But what has come about in our inquiry is that there may be no statutory authority to have a bank account. We do have a letter indicating that bank accounts are authorized if the activity is a non-school activity and that they are not acting as officials of the town. It's hard to translate as there are a lot of things that go on that are non- school activities. We have been informed that the School Business Managers Association is seeking some legislation so there can be some bank accounts and receipts held in the schools so not to burden the town treasurers with receipts of every club in a school. I am not sure the Bureau of Accounts will be receptive to that," said Brown.

Cristo suggested that this being the case, there should be a reporting of those accounts annually so everyone is made aware.

Brown noted that in regard to uniform procurement practices, there were some problems with compliance that have to be tightened up. "We have asked departments to tighten up on logging of quotes over the telephone," he said. "We have supplied them with documents that other towns have developed to comply with the new statute on procurement of services and supplies."

Brown said they are also just scratching the surface of computerization. "We would like to see warrants prepared and checks on computers which should cut down on a lot of manual time. He noted that 70-80% of the towns are now getting into a new accounting system. "At some point you will have to move into compliance with that," he said.

Cristo asked Town Auditor Roger Picard if there is money available for computerization.

Picard said there is and his department is looking into the matter.

Bleau asked if the town should wait before moving ahead with a plan to move some of the accounts at the high school?

Brown said there are some accounts that should be moved right away, "in some cases like if they hold scholarship monies or trust funds. That is not appropriate for them to hold," he said.

Steve Barrett said there are some scholarship funds at the high school amounting to approximately $10,000 which Mass. General Laws would probably say should be in the hands of the town treasurer. "Again," he said, "they were part of the large conglomerate of student activity funds at the high school. The high school did have pretty good records."

Brown said that before there is any action taken to move those funds, he would like to talk again with the Bureau of Accounts to see whether they can give a reading on whether they will support legislation suggested by the School Business Managers Association. "If they are not going to support it," he said, "the legislation doesn't have a chance. I'd like to check on that before you direct that all monies should be moved tomorrow."

Sylvio Bourdeau questioned the sewer reserve account which he maintained has been used for purposes other than those stipulated by town meeting vote, such as reducing town debt rather than for plant and sewer expansion. He said the town has used funds for debt reduction and other items totalling $550,000. "If we had that money available for expansion we could save ourselves over $300,000 in interest," he said. "It could have been used for sewer expansion which is needed. Do you go back to the inception of that account and follow the principles for which that account was set up in 1972?"

Brown said they would not review all town meeting votes. Bourdeau said that in order to audit the account correctly you would have to know the principles upon which the account was established to see if those funds are spent correctly. He also said he is awaiting a reply on that issue from the Director of the Bureau of Accounts. "I believe that account is being abused as it is being used for things other than bond reduction and expansion of sewers or plant expansion, but for typewriters, shovels, trucks, town debt and so on," he said.

"If the Board would like us to look at that account we would be happy to," Brown said, "but we would not go back 15 years to town meeting votes. The use of betterment monies doesn't have to be restricted. The sewer betterment are for paying the town for monies we have already spent primarily through bond issues."

Brown said a bylaw would make officials aware of the purpose and use.

"Well, somebody should look into this as we are biting off our noses to spite our faces," said Bourdeau.

Bleau asked if a town meeting vote could change a previous vote, to which Brown replied it could.

Brown suggested that town counsel might be consulted for an opinion.

Bourdeau also brought up "Revolving Accounts."

Cristo said revolving accounts should be used only for their intended purposes.

Bourdeau said all revolving accounts should be audited as they haven't been for some time. He also suggested that a management audit be done in different departments every three years.

Brown said that could be done but would require additional costs.

Early Retirement

The Board briefly discussed what information would be needed to address the issue of early retirement for town employees (excepting teachers) under an early retirement incentive program recently approved by the legislature.

Bleau suggested that for the upcoming special town meeting, the Board should prepare a philosophy of how to implement the program if in fact that is what the Board wants.

Cristo said it would depend on what the costs are, who would take advantage of the program, and what benefits have been accrued. He also noted that early retirement could be a way to trim the payroll and avoid layoffs.

Chase said he has an informal list of names of those employees considering early retirement.

Selectman Roland Lachance asked if the Board has the right to pick and choose the retirees.

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Bleau replied that the Board can set the number based upon longevity in the employ of the town and/or retirement system.

Lachance also said the Board has to determine where the money will come from.

Cristo noted that if layoffs are anticipated, unemployment costs would be a factor.

Bleau said savings would accrue if there were a number of retireEs and no replacements. "We may not want to implement this until next May or June," he said.

The Town meeting vote is required as well as a Board of Selectmen vote to accept and implement this legislation. The Board has not made a decision as yet whether to vote as a board now or wait until after the special town meeting vote scheduled for October 27.

Miscellaneous

- Chase noted that package stores will be allowed to open the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Christmas this year. A hearing is required before permission is approved.

- The Board approved a recommendation from the Youth Commission to appoint Alex A. Belisle to fill a vacant position on that Board.

- Sylvio Bourdeau, of 8 Leslie Lane, asked if the Board had advertised for individuals to serve on a subcommittee established by town meeting to look into the issues surrounding the problems at Paul Revere. Chase was asked to advertise the openings even though the sub committee may not get going until litigation has passed.

- Parking on Rhodes Street by nursing home employees has brought forth a complaint from a resident who says some employees are parking in the street and not using the parking lot in the rear of the nursing home as much as they could.

Bleau said that if the practice continues, signs should be posted stating that street parking is for residents only.

Pee Wee Basketball Tryouts

MILLBURY - Tryouts for Millbury Pee-Wee Basketball will be on October 22nd at the Shaw Middle School Gym. Sixth graders will try out at 6:00 p.m. and seventh & eighth graders at 6:45 p.m. If you were on a Pee-Wee team last year, you do not have to try out.

Quilt Show at Library

MILLBURY - A quilt is more than just a cloth bedcover. It is an American tradition. The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, honors this tradition with its first quilt show, "Crazy About Quilts," on Sunday, October 18, from noon to 3 p.m. Over 30 quilts and wall hangings by local quilters and their students will be on display. Quilters will be on hand to discuss their works. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 865-1181.

Shaw School Quest Meeting

MILLBURY - The Shaw Elementary School invites parents of sixth grade students to an informational meeting about the QUEST program in which their children are participants. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22, at 6 p.m. and will include a pizza supper. Pre-registration is required. Look for the flyer to be sent home with your sixth grader and return it promptly. If you are unable to attend, call the office (865-3541) to arrange to pick up the parents' guide which will be distributed that evening.

Lioness Club 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold its 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 18, at the Charles F. Minney Post, South Main Street, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost will be $3.50 per person, $2.50 for Seniors. Children under the age of five will be admitted free of charge. Second helpings will be on the house.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Several folks have come up to me recently and shared with me how they are readers of "My Window." One wanted to know if she would be mentioned, so, "Hi," and thank you for your encouragement.

Lately, I have had great encouragement from several sources. Several have shown interest in becoming a part of our Christian fellowship through membership in the church. This will make for great statistics, but much, much more than that it gives opportunity to minister the grace of God to them, and through them God can also give us all greater revelations of His great being.

Our Christian community has also had a great track record in answered prayer. I myself stand as testimony to answered prayer with the tremendous healing I have experienced and the good health and strength that I now enjoy. Thank you all for your prayers for me and my wife; she is doing very well and the test she took showed her to have a good healthy heart. My latest prayer burden is for a Millbury resident who has undergone surgery for a tumor on his back, and, as of this writing, waits to see what further treatments he will need.

Love for one another is very evident in our Millbury/Sutton Ecumenical Cluster. Plans are being formulated for our Thanksgiving Eve service at St. Mark's in Sutton with the Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Hughes of the John Street Baptist Church bringing the message. Also, we are already working on plans for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January.

A lady read from a card, and it was what we would call "The Sinner's Prayer," in which one would ask Jesus to be their Savior; it was written by a Roman Catholic order. My friend, the Rev. Cliff Davis from the Federated Church, has asked me to go over a track he is working on and it, too, gives a clear presentation of how to let the Lord Jesus into your life. Then, too, I have attended a couple of Bible studies at Assumption Church, and those were very much like my own tradition. They consisted of singing, bible study, prayer, and testimonies. That's an old fashioned prayer meeting that many of our churches used to have. Praise the Lord, we are one in Him. Amen.

Baked Ham Supper

MILLBURY - The Administrative Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will sponsor a baked ham supper on Saturday, October 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main Street (the red brick church next to the common). The menu will include baked ham with pineapple fruit glaze (optional), delmonico potato, green beans, lemon delight salad, rolls and butter, hot or cold beverage, and pineapple cake with Cool Whip for dessert. Dinner cost is $6.00. Diners may also be ordered to go by calling Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176.

Turkey & Biscuit Luncheon

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will host a Turkey and Biscuit Luncheon on Thursday, November 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main Street. The menu will include turkey, potato, peas and carrots with gravy on a biscuit, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, hot or cold beverage, and your choice of assorted pies for dessert, all for $4.75. Lunches may be ordered to go. You may call Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176 with your order and the time you will pick it up. The public is encouraged to join us.

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Committtee approves yearbook changes

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The School Committee met October 7 with all members present except Barbara Tuttle.

After a give and take session with a standing room only crowd of students, the committee voted unanimously to accept Yearbook Advisor Eugene Genese's proposal for new guidelines for the 1992 High School yearbook.

Genese stood by his stance taken at a previous meeting that only non-coded personal messages (dit dots) be allowed in this year's book. He said he wanted to be on record strongly opposed to a compromise as the issue could get into a question of liability for the school. He said the issue of liability has never come up but, he said, "its time may be coming."

It was said that, in the past, some coded messages have contained derogatory statements about students.

Sarah Auciello, acting as lead spokesperson for the seniors and some juniors in attendance, asked for the Committee's consideration for the students' rights in the matter relating to dit dots.

The students sought to allow dit dots for seniors without restrictions. Auciello said this was a decision arrived at by a unanimous vote of student council members. She presented a petition to the Committee with those signatures.

Auciello noted that a "small compromise" was reached at a meeting in September with Genese. The compromise would allow did dots with initials. A separate piece of paper would signify what the dit dot actually means.

Auciello also said it was agreed upon to develop a consent form to release the yearbook company, Genese, and the senior class from any legal liability.

"In effect," Auciello said, "I am imploring you to allow us the freedom of expression as has been past practice, not only as students of Millbury High School but as citizens of the United States of America."

Committee member Jane Pojani suggested that a committee of teachers and students review the dit dots.

Auciello said that is the responsibility of the yearbook staff and also the purpose of a paper she mentioned earlier to explain what was written in code.

Pojani said she thought that if there were some people who could go over the dit dots, there would be no problem. She also said she understands Genese's position because she has gone over some of the dit dots in the past. "I have concerns and I understand your concerns," she said. "Maybe if they were reviewed there wouldn't be any problems with any of them."

"Most of the people aren't derogatory," Auciello said, "so why should kids have to suffer because of those kids who do it."

Marble said he thought the suggestion to establish a review committee was a good one as probably over 95% of the dit dots would pose no problem.

Auciello agreed that the idea was good.

Genese asked the Committee to approve the guidelines so the yearbook can move forward. "The dit dots could be reviewed by the yearbook staff and a committee, and if there is any difference of opinion," he said, "then it can be channeled through Mr. Carmody and Mr. Capparelli for a decision as it has been done in the past. We need common sense guidelines that mean English spoken words and sensitivity to students and others."

Genese also noted that the students are becoming more sophisticated in their codes.

Chairman Chet Hanratty expressed concern that students could be hurt by the coded messages. "These books are public books that are obtainable by anyone and are in the library," he said. "There is no privacy involved. Maybe you should have second thoughts. Maybe one or two people could put in a derogatory code to a friend that could hurt. They have rights, too."

Superintendent Alfred Sylvia said he would recommended a yearbook to include underclassmen but said he was not in support of codes.

An unidentified student said he had surveyed a half dozen of the junior home rooms and most students said they did not care about dit dots but would like the space to be used for candid photos.

"I am dramatically opposed to codes," said Genese.

Hanratty noted that codes could be written with double meanings and no one would know.

"You have to trust some kids," one of the students said.

"You are putting a lot of liability on his (Genese's) shoulders," Hanratty cautioned.

Another student said Genese told them he would propose to the school committee that it would be okay to write down the meaning of the codes, "but now he says he opposes it."

Genese said he told the students at the meeting in question, that he would be "happy to entertain some sort of a compromise regarding some of the issues. For example," he said, "one of those areas was dit dots for underclassmen, but at that meeting in the auditorium I said that I was totally opposed to coded dit dots. He also said he agreed with Pojani's suggestion for a committee to review the dit dots and come up with common sense guidelines that would not allow codes under any circumstances.

Sylvia recommended that the yearbook include students in grades 9-12 and that there be no coded dit dots. The committee approved 4-0.

Equipment Purchase

After some discussion on improvements to the high school computer system by gradually replacing the old DEC system with a new Mac System to enhance reporting of attendance, scheduling process and report cards, the Committee approved Sylvia's recommendation for two computers at a cost of $6900 to be taken from the recent state grant funds of $150,000.

Pojani asked that it be made public where the funds are coming from "so the public when they look back at the budget won't think that we were squirreling monies away."

The vote was 3-1 with Tom Clawson opposed. He said if this was such an important item it should have been included in the last budget.

Sylvia said the budget was being scrutinized at the time for cuts.

Appointments

Terry Hamilton was appointed to a permanent substitute position that will include class preparations for five different subjects.

A discussion raised questions of whether certification was a factor in making the appointment.

In response to questions from Pojani, Sylvia said there were 20 applicants for the job. The Committee had the top four candidates' applications before them.

Pojani noted that one candidate had two areas of certification.

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$23,900 for total value of $73,400. "In 1991 land value assessment was $159,200 or three times what it was in 1990 or a whopping 221% increase," he said. "Our taxes for 1990 were $948.00, in 1991, $1,853 just about double." He said his total evaluation for 1991 was $186,500 compared to $73,400 in 1990 an increase of 154% or two and half times what it was in 1990. "All this in one year, he said. "Now what we have here is a summer camp. There is no drinking water; there is no heating system; the roof rafters show, and both of the walls have the studs showing." He added that he did not believe a permanent home could be located on the lot because of the strict environmental standards. "Who is going to pay me $186,500 for a summer camp with taxes of $1,935 for possibly two months use?" he asked.

Hammarstrom explained that when he went to the assessors, they told him not to blame them but to blame the real estate people. He argued that the board of assessors are to blame for increasing his evaluation, and they should adjust his taxes.

Charles Thornburg prefaced his remarks saying, "The mess we're in today is totally unnecessary. If we had been able to get together with the board of assessors; if they had been willing to cooperate with us, listen to us, and discuses the issues, we wouldn't be here tonight. We would have saved the town a lot of money; we would have saved ourselves a lot of money. If anybody thinks this organization is trying to put it to the town, that's entirely wrong. We are trying to save the town money, but at the same time, we're trying to get a fair and equitable taxation for our own property."

Thornburg said he has an acre and a half of land under water for which he is being taxed. He said he has been tyring for years to have his assessment reflect that and the fact that he must guarantee flowage rights forever to the owners of the water rights. The land, he claimed is "absolutely useless." He stated that in 1987 the land assessment was $38,000, in 1991, it was $189,000 or a 500% increase.

Thornburg complained that after he filed for a 1991 abatement, he received a letter in February of 1991 stating that the matter was turned over to town counsel. He said he received no answer until he filed for a 1992 abatement after which he received a letter which stated that his property underwater was assessed as the Department of Revenue required, and town counsel's opinion was rendered after his filing. Thornburg argued that when he read that letter to the assessors at a later meeting, town counsel, who was present, did not know to what Thornburg was referring, and later, he and property owner Jim Gedman went to the Department of Revenue. "The Department of Revenue has no specific policy for taxing land under the water," he said.

"I just want to make two points:" Thornburg said, "all we're asking for is fair and equal taxation, and don't soak the waterfront owners. Someone said at the board of assessors, 'It's a privilege to have waterfront property.' The other thing is, we want the town employees working for us, because we pay their salary with our taxes."

Carol Hokanson, who owns property on Manchaug Pond, said the Appellate Board instructed her to try to negotiate and resolve the issue with the Assessors. According to Hokanson, they refused.

Emery Morin told the board he has land originally bought by his father 60 years ago. According to Morin, after six percolation tests, the land did not perc because of ledge and wetlands. "For a place that we can't even stay overnight in for six years; we have a little place we can change in and bring a 'port-o-potty,' no running water. My assessment was $224,000. It's unbelievable; it's ridiculous," he said.

Realtor George Lamothe claimed that not only lake front property, but all Sutton properties are "extraordinarily over assessed." He cited a home assessed at $150,000 and being marketed at $90,000. He maintained that present values are based on one incident in which a person paid an extraordinarily high price for lake front property and two other parcels of land that sold high. He said he could not see how the assessors can justify such high, town evaluations using just one or two pieces of property.

Selectman Chairman Wally Johnson said he was under the impression that this issue was resolved and that residents were satisfied with the settlement. He added that he was assured by Town Administrator Dexter Blois that the town had enough money to cover the abatements. Johnson said he received information that, "The reason why the agreement was cancelled was that someone did not file for an abatement and the assessors were asked to bend a bit and get it squared away. Well, the bending is not possible by law, and that was the reason why the whole thing was called off, and the people responsible for the settlement not going through was somebody in your group," he said addressing his remarks to Gvazdauskaus.

Gvazdauskaus said that one member of the group, Ed Gedman, paid his taxes to his bank on time but the bank was one day late in paying the town. He said the assessors were aware of this before the settlement in June and agreed, as part of the settlement, to give Gedman his abatement for one year rather than the two years.

Gedman explained that the evening of the settlement, he was present at a three-way conversation with the assessors. At that time, the assessors agreed to give him a one year abatement rather than a two year abatement, "because of the so-called lateness of my payment," he said. "I said 'so-called' because I have here a letter from the county bank stating... that they paid the bill on December 3. I conceded that point if this is what they wanted to settle."

Gedman then explained that he owns approximately 29,000 sq. ft. of land on Ramshorn of which 22,000 sq. ft. are underwater. He said the town has assessed his usable 7,000 sq. ft. lot at $144,000. There are no utilities on that road. He said he has documentation that the land underwater is controlled by whoever owns the flowage right in Millbury. "I presented this to Mr. Nunnemacher (Assessor Robert Nunnemacher). Mr. Nunnemacher gave us the usual brush-off," he said. "Mrs. Nedoroscik (Assessor Pat Nedoroscik)? doesn't even talk to us; this isn't the way we should be treated. We're treated like dirt, and I could go on and mention several cases of people who are treated like that. That is not fair. As Mr. Thornburg said, we are taxpayers; we are trying to save ourselves and the town money. When I showed them the papers that Charles Thornburg and myself got from the courthouse about the land under water, we said, 'How can you tax

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us for land underwater? It does not belong to you, the town of Sutton. Millbury doesn't tax the people for land under water. It doesn't belong to you, it belongs to the town of Millbury. It's in black and white.' They didn't want to hear anything about it. They will not look into situations. Shouldn't we be able to sit down with these two people and settle all of these problems and discuss these things? We can't do that 'cause we've got people here that fight every damn thing we do."

Johnson said he was led to believe that Gedman had missed a filing date.

"It is not so," Gedman said.

Gvazdauskaus said that a resident must file for an abatement within 30 days of the postmark of the bill. If there is an abatement and the owner is not satisfied, he has 90 days to file an appeal with the Appellate Tax Board. Gvazdauskaus said that other residents wanted to join their appeal but because of the expiration of time, they could not be included.

Board member Mary K. Connor said three questions were being posed to the selectmen: 1. where the agreed abatement money is; 2. the way the assessors treat people; 3. a concern that property is being assessed improperly.

Connor said she knows the assessors work very hard and have laws they have to follow, and there are different ways they can follow them in order to do their job. She read a letter from the assessors sent to the selectmen which stated that the board has been informed that one individual (identified at the meeting as Ed Gedman) failed to follow the rules for filing in fiscal '91 and again in '92. The letter went on to say that the Assessors and the Appellate Tax Board lack the jurisdiction to act on this case. The assessors were subsequently told that granting Gedman an abatement for '91 and '92 would be an illegal action.

Connor said she interprets the letter to say that the Assessors told Gedman that they were willing to discuss the '92 abatement and then checked on it and were told they didn't have jurisdiction to grant it. Connor said it appeared that there was an established date for action which was not met.

Discussion continued about the Gedman case which Connor said could not be resolved at the meeting because the selectmen did not have all the facts.

Gvazdauskaus asked the board to forget about the Gedman case for the moment. "Why are the other 35 people held up because the Board of Assessors dictated it will be all or nothing," he asked, "and that is why we stayed up that Tuesday night and hammered out Mr. Gedman's solution, and we said we will come to a compromise. Town counsel, if he is not aware of the law, he is not qualified, because he made the stipulation, because we have two attorneys that agreed."

Gedman said, "Understand, it was the town's idea to come to a conclusion on my point. We did not suggest it; they suggested it. If they had second thoughts after it, they had already come to a conclusion."

Thornburg said the assessors told him, with reference to his case, that they were quoting the Department of Revenue. He said when he and Gedman went to the Department of Revenue they discovered the Assessors were not quoting the department. "So how do we know now that they checked with the department. I hate to imply that, but how do we know?"

Connor said the board can only take information at this meeting and check it out later. She also said she thought it would be beneficial to have the Assessors in to a selectmen's meeting to explain the evaluation process.

The citizen's group then introduced Conrad Allen, an appraiser considered by the state as an expert witness. Allen explained that the group contacted him to do appraisals on waterfront properties. He agreed with Lamothe's earlier comments that properties are over-assessed. He said that the law states assessments should be at fair market value. Allen also said the assessors chose to deal with this as a class action and not individually. "This is a funny negotiation," he said. "This is class action where everybody filed individually. They (the assessors) did it on a class action basis."

Connor noted that the residents did not have to accept that.

Allen warned that the town should concern itself with the overlay account with which to pay the abatements. He said that all land and property values are over assessed.

Resident Marilyn Bell told the board that she chose not to file an abatement. She explained that her small split entry went from an assessment of $159,900 to $200,000. She said that other similar houses pay less. She told the board that she believes that the rates should be fair.

John Duff, of Manchaug Road, said his evaluation went up 400%. He said there are many other waterfront property owners whose evaluations have gone up like his. "If things are not done to equalize this, you're not going to have 36 people, you're going to have 136 people (filing for abatements). We want a fair shake. One of the other issues here is this is a small town, but we're being treated by bureaucrats. The only other thing I've got to say is, 'Strong Message to follow.'"

"At one of our meetings," Gedman said, "Mr. Nunnemacher said to us when we asked him why did our taxes go up 3-4-500%, you know what he said to us, he looked us straight in the eyes and said, 'You people should consider it a privilege to live on a lake.' (Others interjected that they received the same comment from Mrs. Nedoroscik.) You selectmen are the ones who have to turn this whole issue around; whether it means getting rid of these people and putting in new people. The important thing is turning it around and doing something for the town itself before it's too late and gets out of hand and costs the town more money."

Penny Linder said she paid her tax bill before the deadline and asked Nunnemacher when the deadline was to file an abatement for '92. She said she was told that she filed an abatement for '91 and no longer needed to file for another one. She said because she followed his advice, she must relinquish one year's abatement because she did not file for 1992.

Lois White, who lives on Ramshorn, said she did not file for an abatement because her husband said, "Don't bother, you won't get it; it's a waste of time." She said, "I don't think it's fair if the 36 people are going to get one (an abatement) that the others who haven't filed shouldn't get something."

Town Administrator Dexter Blois said he had not talked with the assessors but did talk to town counsel about the matter before the board tonight. Blois said counsel, "indicated to me that he has the releases for all of the parties in escrow so-to-speak. He can't release them until he's given the OK to release them. My understanding, again from him, is that Bowditch and Dewey(counsel for the property owners) has not told him it's all set to go ahead and file those releases which would then trigger the process to get the abatement. Everything is all set to go except that Bowditch and Dewey has told town counsel everything is correct."

Gvazdauskaus said he would find out immediately if that was the case. He added that

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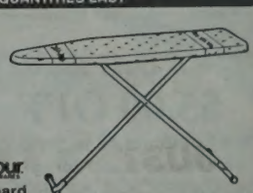

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his committee notified Penny Linder to file for an abatement; Bowditch and Dewey notified her to file for an abatement and when she asked to file for an abatement, she was told she didn't have to file again. Gvazdauskaus maintained that he went to town counsel about the issue and town counsel said it was "tough."

Blois said according to town counsel, by statute "if the taxes have not been paid and the abatement has not been filed timely, you have no recourse."

"Even if the individual has acted in good faith or on bad advice from a town official?" asked Strieby. "Now that's wrong," he said.

To illustrate his assertion that Sutton's property assessments are inflated, Gvazdauskaus offered the following information: He said Millbury, like Sutton, had revaluation for FY 1991; they used the same evaluation company and have approximately the same tax rate. For 1/10 of an acre in Millbury the valuation is $45,800; in Sutton, the same 1/10 acre is evaluated at $128,000, $119,000, and $123,000. For 2/10 of an acre, in Millbury the valuation is $60,400; in Sutton the evaluations are: $159,00, $137,000, and $92,000. For 4/10 of an acre in Millbury the evaluation is $66,900, in Sutton: $169,000, $186,000, $191,000, $204,000, and $209,000. "But," Gvazdauskaus added, "The biggest discrepancy is on the one acre lot: there is one, one acre lot in Millbury and that's Harris. They have that land valued at $77,600. We have four, one acre lots on Lake Singletary. The evaluations are $168,000; then we have $207,000; then we have one at $219,000, then we have one at $288,000 that's on a dead end road that has no public access to it." There is one 1.2 acre lot evaluated at $360,000.

Ed Breault said he purchased his lot on Lake Singletary for $5,000 in 1973. "It was revalued three years ago up to $203,000 in '89. In 1990 they assessed the land at $360,000." He said he received an abatement and his assessment is now $312,000. "I can't in the world find justification for a dead end street, private road, no town water, and sewerage; the only thing I have is police and fire protection, and here we are both in our late seventies."

Breault is not part of the Concerned Sutton Taxpayers group. He asked if those not a part of the action were going to receive any abatement. Other property owners expressing similar complaints were: Rose Therrien, Greg Johnson, Don Erickson, John Reel, Janice Dahlstrom and Dave Johnson.

Helena Gagne told the board that the property owners present love Sutton and have elected the officials because they trust them. She said everyone is fed up with big government but still hold faith that small government will hear and address their problems. She said she and many people present are proud to contribute to the general fund to allow the town to provide the best of services even though they no longer use them. "We're all here feeling that," she said. "And we don't want to come as enemies of one another, of our elected officials. But I think if people have been elected, and they're not doing their job, or if they're really treating us with hostility or in a way that is unwarranted, I think we have an obligation to remove them from their office. We have an obligation to work together so we can be happy living in Sutton."

Chris Morosas told the board that the problem is bigger than simply the lake association. He explained to the board that he has an "identical piece of property" in Westboro and his assessment is less than in Sutton during the same evaluation cycle. "I think there's something wrong, seriously wrong in town, and I think the problem's a lot bigger than what we're seeing here tonight and needs to be addressed," he said.

Connor said that in fairness to all sides, the board should hear from the Assessors as well. She assured the audience that she was going to follow through with their requests to have the selectmen look into their complaints.

Easement

The selectmen's meeting continued with the selectmen agreeing that it had no interest in a state easement through the King property. Blois said the state wants to get rid of it but has to give the town the right of first refusal. The parcel is landlocked and there is no known reason for this easement.

Tax Classification

A scheduled hearing with the Board of assessors was postponed until October 13.

Blois, speaking of the issues raised earlier by property owners and the Concerned Taxpayers of Sutton, said, "My concern is the attitude (of Nunnemacher and Nedoroscik), and I've heard that before, but I've never been able to observe it. There are two sides to every story; when somebody comes up to the counter and demands their values change, they're not happy campers when they come there to start with."

Connor said it is a difficult position for the board to be in because both sides were not present and, in fairness, the board had to remain neutral.

"The taxpayers are our customers," Strieby said.

Johnson said he was concerned about the values. "There's something radically wrong," he said.

"I'm not so much concerned with the values, as I am with the attitude," Blois said.

"If the values are high for everybody, then I'm not concerned," Connor said. "If they're inconsistent, then I am, which, if they're giving abatements to 36 people, it creates the impression."

Blois said the assessments should be at "Full and Fair Cash Value" as of 1 January 1, 1990. He said values in January 1990 were much higher than in 1991 and 1992. He said he spoke with the Assessors and said, "We've got to do something about these values; what can we do mid-stream here? They told me they can only adjust the values up or down, overall 10%. In other words, they could not reduce 90% of what they were." He said taxes are based on Value times the Rate and so the amount paid will be similar even if assessments are reduced. He said he asked to have the Assessors get the values down which can be done rather easily with the computers. "Yes, they were going to do it; they were going to adjust the values downward to reflect the economics," Blois said. He added 10% is the maximum they can reduce the rate.

Connor said she found it hard to believe that the Assessors deliberately gave mislead-

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By Rosemary Waltos

A quilt is more than just a cloth bedcover. It is an American tradition, and considered by many to be an art form. Discover the variety and beauty of quilts made by today's quilters and students at the "Crazy About Quilts" show at the Library on Sunday, October 18, from noon to 3 p.m.

Quilts have a long history dating back to the earliest of times and were used both as bedding and floor carpets. During the Colonial Period of this country, quilting was built on European traditions and its aesthetics, fabrics, patterns and techniques. Quilts were strictly utilitarian and made as a defense against harsh New England winters. The American tradition of quilts and quilting evolved with the country's history, time, and technological advancements. Patterns were re-worked or re-named. Cloth became readily available and affordable while technology helped to increase the variety and improve the quality fabrics. The sewing machine mechanized quilt making. In time, as finished goods became more and more available, making quilts was less a necessity and more a creative expression and an expression of social conscience, not to mention a source of revenue for religious, social and political organizations trying to raise money for their causes.

Since 1976, there has been a resurgence of interest in quilts and quilt making. Today, old quilts are collector's items, pulling in big prices at auction houses and antique stores. They continue to be treasured items passed through the generations. These quilts are no longer tucked away in attic trunks or draped over spare beds, but often displayed prominently in homes. Quilters now have a whole industry catering to their needs with books, magazines, supplies, patterns, and fabrics made available through mail order, quilt shops, and craft stores.

Despite the high prices that many old and new quilts can demand, and the industry that has built up around them, quilts speak of the ideals of simpler times of years gone by that our collective memories have protected against the encroaching odds of the present.

The Millbury Public Library honors the American tradition of quilts and quilting with its first quilt show, "Crazy about Quilts" on October 18 from noon to 3 p.m. Over 30 quilts and wall hangings, mae by local quilters and their students, will be on display. Local quilters will be on hand to discuss their works and how they made them. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 865-1181.

"Crazy About Quilts" is sponsored in part by the Millbury Public Library Fund.

Program on Infertility

WORCESTER - An open forum for anyone touched by infertility - consumers, professionals, waiting grandparents, friends - is invited to participate in a panel presentation and informal discussion on different experiences and resolutions of infertility as part of National Infertility Awareness Week. The Forum will be held Wednesday, October 28, from 7-9 p.m. in the Banx Room at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square.

Kollios Fund Raiser

MILLBURY - The Kollios Committee will hold a district wide dance on Friday, October 23, from 8-12:30 a.m. at Classic Choice Club, Route 56, North Oxford. $20 per person.

Donations Sought for Youth Center Halloween Party

MILLBURY - The Millbury Youth Center will host its third annual Halloween Party for children in preschool through 5th grade on October 31st from 6-9 p.m. The Center has relied on monetary support from the community in the past to fund this activity. Organizers are hoping that local clubs, businesses and individuals will respond as generously this year.

"This past spring the Youth Center was completely changed inside and out," explained Youth Center Director Penny Downs. "Y.O.U. Inc was renovating the building so we took that opportunity to make changes in our programming. Our membership now consists of 12-16 year olds. They have a relatively new building, a new gym, and plenty of fun things to do in a structured and safe environment. They realize that the Town of Millbury gives all of this to them at no cost, and they want to show their appreciation by giving something back to the community. They have a lot of enthusiasm, time and effort, but they lack the funds to really entertain 250 children on Halloween night. This year," Downs said, "they want to expand the games area and also use the gym to put on a scary story for the younger kids. There are many benefits to this event, the teenagers are doing something positive for the community on Halloween night, they are using their creativity and learning how to organize themselves. As a result, the younger children will have a fun, safe alternative to trick-or treating. Your support is really a vote of confidence to the teenagers' enthusiasm and efforts."

All contributions, great or small, will be appreciated. Make checks payable to the "Millbury Youth Center" and mail by October 17th to: The Millbury Youth Center, 130 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527, or save yourself a stamp and call Penny Downs for pickup at 865-7315.

Super Park Committee

MILLBURY - The Super Park Committee meets the last Wednesday of every month in the Millbury Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome. For more information, call Janice Morin at 865-5652.

Skate for Woolie World

MILLBURY - On Friday, November 13, from 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., "Skate for Woolie World" at Millbury's new Wheels Roller Skating Center on Howe Avenue. A raffle will be held for a pair of Eclipse in Line roller skates by Roller Derby. Admission will be $5 at the door.

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ing information. She said that sometimes something that is said is misunderstood or sometimes the question asked is incorrect. She also said that she found it hard to believe that town counsel would have given the response ("tough") he was alleged to have given relative to Penny Linder's failure to file for a '92 abatement.

Blois agreed, saying, "There were three or four of them (Concerned Taxpayers) there, and that's what they said. He is a professional person, and I don't think he'd say that." Blois went on to say, "How was the question asked; how was the question perceived; and what was the answer to that perception."

Strieby said he believed that the town had a responsibility to a person asking questions and being given the wrong information.

Blois said there is no way to know for certain what was asked, or what was said because it is a one-on-one situation.

"The sad part is the person doing the filing didn't understand," Johnson remarked.

Selectman Dana Gravison then told his colleagues, "There's a definite problem down in that office. I've experienced it even myself. I think there needs to be a major, major shake-up down in that office. I think there are problems, and they know they've had problems for a number of years. They closed their doors tonight; they're hiding their heads in the sand. And, like Wally said earlier, they're going to have to face the music one of these days. I just don't like town officials or anybody else employed by the town not to face the music especially if they feel that they're right and haven't done anything wrong."

Blois said if there had not been any litigation, he would have agreed with Gravison. He said that according to information from town counsel, the problem is that Bowditch and Dewey would not give permission to file the releases.

(In a conversation with Gvazdauskaus on October 12, he stated that their attorney cannot permit the releases to be filed until the matter is settled with the town.)

Connor suggested that the board ask the assessors and the re-evaluation company to come in and make a presentation on the factors used in evaluation and how they work, particularly for lake front property.

Gravison said the assessors are the ones who put the final numbers on the properties, and the board should be asked what they use for their calculations.

Strieby said he realizes that different towns have different evaluations, but he did have a problem if the properties are on the same road, side by side, and the only thing that separates them is the town line.

"Absolutely different; day and night; can't compare," said Blois. "Logically, you're right, but there are other factors you plug into it."

Johnson said property onwers shoould not be charged per square foot for land that is now underwater.

Connor commented that Assessor Pat Nedoroscick "has so much information that she doesn't necessarily give out for whatever reason, because they're not going to accept it. She knows her job backwards and forwards."

Blois suggested that it might be a good idea to sit down with the re-evaluation company before the next evaluation and find out what criteria are used.

Connor said that parties who have a grievance should go to the assessors and say they feel they have not been treated fairly.

Blois said he felt that people who felt they have been treated unfairly are reluctant to do that, reasoning that if they felt they were treated unfairly once, why should it be different a second time. He added that some people feel some intimidation, thinking that if they complain, their evaluations will go up more. He said the elderly fear that.

"If there are things that are wrong, they (the aggrieved parties) should formally complain. That is the only way we can legitimately get it fixed, if indeed it's wrong," Strieby said.

Colonial Estates

Blois reported that Bankruptcy Court has postponed the hearings on Colonial Estates until October 23. In light of the lateness of the year, the board decided it should prepare the road for winter as even if a new contractor is found to continue the project, the board feels there is not enough time to complete the work on the sewer lines and complete the roads before the November construction deadline. The board was adamant about not giving any contractor any extensions to complete the project as was done last year.

The board also discussed rescinding the sewer abatements because the original contractor did not uphold his agreement with the town.

Connor suggested that the board review how it can go about rescinding the sewer abatement agreement.

Johnson suggested that the board inform any new contractor who might choose to complete the project that they cannot do any work on the roads this year.

Millbury Flu Clinic

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Health will hold a Flu Clinic for Millbury residents age 60 and over on Tuesday, October 20, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall on South Main Street. The cost is $1.00 per person. Call the Board of Health office (865-4721) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon only to pre-register.

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the starting place for discussions that ended up with polyvinyl chlorides being classified as a carcinogen."

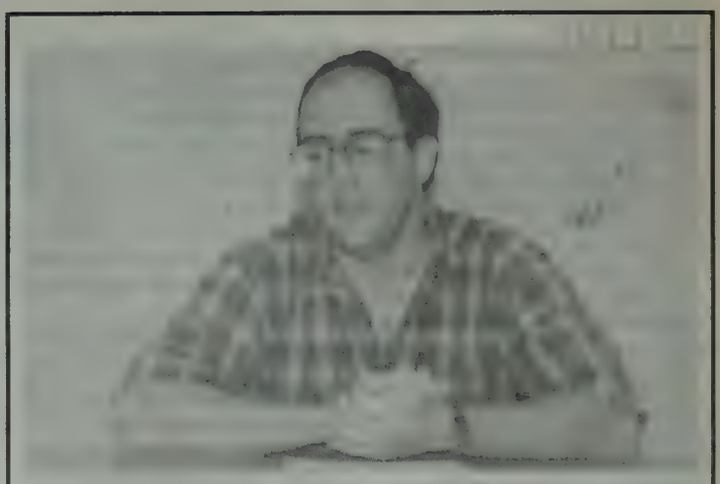
Brugge also referred to a pesticide issue in California which allegedly caused sterility. "People don't just talk about that," he said, "like going down to the bar and saying, 'Say Joe, are you having trouble having any kids?' It doesn't happen, but eventually, when people started talking and opening up to each other, a basis was laid that there was a problem. I think that that kind of observation and that kind of investigation is very valuable, not only for the community/worker aspect but also from the scientific aspect. These raise little flags. Little alarms for scientific investigations."

we have to start acting at an early stage as indicators are here but are not definitive, otherwise we have no hope of preventing future problems. These are your only choices, or you can use a generation of people as guinea pigs.

"I am not against technology," Brugge said, "but there are some things I think the power companies can do, such as take the onus off of you." Brugge then referred to statements made by Belisle at the legislative subcommittee hearing on EMF's when he suggested that it is possible for the electric companies to reconfigure the lines to reduce the EMF's.

"What it comes down to," Brugge said, "is what is it worth to protect people. If you know it can cause cancer, how much are you willing to spend to protect people? It's a tough question. In some sense it's the wrong question, as how do you put a number on that?

Committee members Jack Chiras and Joe Bianculli listen to Dr. Brugge.



Dr. Douglas Brugge responds to committee's questions.

Brugge explained that some scientists believe that EMF's may be what are called "promoters". "Current thinking is that there are initiators and there are promoters that can cause cancer," he said. "Promoters are perceived as leading to higher incidences of lots of different cancers as opposed to causing just one type like benzene does. Maybe EMF's cause the general rate of cancer increases or a variety of particular cancers. Those factors make it a lot harder to study electro-magnetic fields and the health outcomes from them.

"Where does that leave us?" Brugge asked. "I have heard that the power company uses the term "prudent avoidance." Those words in themselves I don't object to at all, because EMF's have not been conclusively or absolutely shown as being a carcinogen. There is a myth out there that everything causes cancer, so what's the use. Well, that is not true," Brugge said. "Some things cause cancer and some things don't. I do think some kind of action is warranted. I don't think we should stop using electricity. But on the other hand, I think that people who are at the highest level of exposure should be given some protection and relief from the kind of exposure they are dealing with as a conservative precaution at this stage."

Brugge said science has a range of proofs from "it's absolutely safe, to it's 100% certain that it is not." He also noted that the public's perception depends on whether on not they are exposed to EMF's. "You only have to decide, am I going to treat it as being safe or treat it as unsafe. You have only a little option. You either take action or ignore them (EMF's). If you assume they are safe and you don't take any precautions then you become part of the study to prove whether they are safe or not. You expose yourself, and after 20 or 30 years of exposure, people can look back and say, here is an exposed person; let's put them in the exposed group. That's the way science operates," he said. "It's very long, tedious, and takes forever to get absolute proof. Scientists sometimes take decades to come up with definitive conclusions. I believe

Committee member Jack Chiras asked Brugge if a door to door survey would create any preponderance of evidence or if it would be a fruitless task?

Brugge replied that it could be helpful, depending on how it is done. "A study can heighten community awareness and raise possibilities that scientists and other people then have to address. You could come across something rare like in the case of New York telephone workers where there were incidences of male breast cancer found which only normally occurs one in a million. Their results were completely unexpected; they had several cases in about 10,000 workers. You could have different groups like those near the power lines and those farther away and show a correlation. I think it is worth doing," he said.

Chiras noted it also impacts public opinion and awareness. "That can have more impact than a detailed scientific study," he said.

Brugge said he does not believe that scientific proof fits very well into public policy. "They are two different playing fields. For example," he said, "in matters of zoning you don't ask for the same level of proof as in science. If you try to show it (effects of EMF) on a scientific plane it may be years to get a definitive answer, if ever."

Belisle asked Brugge who the committee could turn to for assistance in putting together an instrument that would render the health study less impeachable?

Brugge noted that epidemiological studies are not impeachable. Brugge also referred to studies conducted by Dr. Nancy Wertheimer, an epidemiologist, who, in 1972, conducted the first study that suggested a link between EMF and childhood leukemia. Wertheimer and her colleagues went door to door where there were known cases of leukemia and then to houses where there were none as a control group. Then, looking at locations of high voltage lines, she noted those houses had a higher incidence of leukemia. It was a low scientific study, Brugge said, but so far it has stood up.

Brugge noted that he has observed Belisle taking meter readings. "She (Wertheimer) didn't even do that. That was one of the first arguments raised, that there were no meter readings. In a way," he said, "your readings will help."

Brugge also told the committee that he would be willing to review the results of their study. "I'm not an expert in epidemiology, but I could pass it on to doctors I know who would have a more critical eye."

Brugge said one advantage the committee has is that those people living in close proximity to the power company's right of way "makes it hard to argue that they haven't had some exposure to EMF's. You can validate exposures there," he said, "then do it with those who don't live real close to the lines. One complaint that could come out is that you didn't do a blind study as when you did the study you knew the people with high rates of exposure. Double blind studies deal with people who do the interviewing having no idea as to what the exposure is and they are just doing their interview. You could set it up so that everyone involved would come to one place, do the interviews with someone who has no idea where they come from, and then after that pair off the location of individuals. I would urge you to not to try to do a comprehensive scientific study, but do something that raises the question and do it in a responsible way.

"The body of evidence now suggests there is a problem," Brugge said. "Any survey you do would help promote public awareness. It would help your cause in terms of visibility and might prompt more investigation. I wouldn't wait for the science," he cautioned. "Science is going to take awhile. In a global sense it will be inconclusive. I don't see someone sitting down saying this is a known carcinogen with an exposure limit of such and such. I don't see that happening soon. At some point, someone is going to put together enough information to have proof."

Committee member Terry Burke Dotson asked Brugge what the committee could be doing to get a health study going and if there were any that could be used as a model for the committees use?

Brugge suggested starting a health registry of all those who live near the lines in Town and a record of deaths and causes of death of those living along the lines. "It might show incidents of headaches or liver cancer or whatever. Suppose the record shows evidence of male breast cancer found nowhere else? Maybe that will be enough to make the power company shift their position."

Belisle explained that by using the Town's overlay map the committee will be able to map out the location of those houses in proximity to the power lines.

Brugge also noted that the state maintains a cancer registry. However, he said, "Occupational information isn't always recorded on the death certificate which poses a problem in sorting things out."

Grafton Street resident Andree Belisle noted that the Registry does not include information on people living with cancer, only on those who have died from cancer.

Chiras noted that Brugge's expertise was in cellular biology and asked him if there was hard evidence that EMF has some effect on human cells.

"Absolutely, absolutely," Brugge replied. "Don't let anyone tell you differently. As to whether it leads to cancer, that's open. But it affects cells. EMF affects cells, and if anyone tells you differently, they are lying. There are studies you just can't contradict. My message is, since they do have an affect on cells, it makes it more plausible that they could cause cancer. In the past it was held that they didn't have any affect (on cells) so how could they cause cancer." He said there are epidemiological studies and animal studies which point in a direction where outcomes show cancer. "The fact that women using VDT terminals have incidences of miscarriages in my mind raises concerns."

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Belisle noted that the computer industry is reconfiguring computers and have come up with terminals that are low generators of EMF's.

Chiras pointed to labor unions as possible allies for workers in these issues.

Brugge said the unions themselves are not always given all the facts.

Belisle noted that requiring the power companies to reconfigure the lines to reduce EMF's would create more jobs.

Brugge suggested that preventive steps should be taken when serious questions are raised concerning environmental issues rather than waiting for years. He referred to the issues of asbestos and lead poisoning which he said were known for decades before any action was taken, "which just increased costs (to deal with the problem."

Andree Belisle said she and her husband were told by an employee of the power company that they had every reason to be concerned about the EMF issue and not to let anyone in the company tell them that there was no danger.

"It is more appropriate to respond in the early stages than to wait until a whole generation passes," Brugge said.

Brugge commented that the committee seemed to be a down to earth group within the mainstream of the town. "You're persistent and have a lot going for you. The idea of a survey is a good idea. It's a good strategy for galvanizing people to look at the health issues. Don't let scientific infallibility be the sole guiding principle for not being proactive."

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Sylvia said that individual was not certified in environmental science which will be a class in the high school and also in the orbit program in the junior high.

Sylvia said certification isn't the only criteria as Hamilton has worked in the system, has good recommendations from department heads, and is familiar with the curriculum having been a permanent substitute in the system.

Pojani asked how he could judge the second candidate in that respect.

Sylvia said he got a sense from the other individual that he was not too interested in getting involved at the junior high level.

Marble expressed concern with the number of preparations that would be required in so many areas. He suggested that the department heads would have to work very closely with that person.

Sylvia said they have already indicated in their recommendations that Hamilton will be able to perform well.

The vote to approve Sylvia's recommendation to appoint Hamilton was 3-0-1 with Pojani abstaining.

- Terry Bernard was appointed varsity coach to replace Ron Dunham.

Windle Field

Hanratty reported that Assistant District Attorney Leon Zitowitz called asking the Committee to contact the Windle Field Trustees to discuss the meets and bounds of the field and the possibility of including an area that has been the subject of a complaint to the District Attorney's Office.

Student Restrooms

Hanratty was given a letter from student Jessica Bleau and a petition seeking the re-opening of restrooms in the area of the cafeteria.

Hanratty noted the issue came up last year and that the administration did, at the Committee's request, reopen them provided no vandalism occurred and they were not used for smoking.

Capparelli said they were open but were becoming messy and were used for smoking, so they were closed. He said he would reopen them if there could be a paid monitor on hand. He said that because of the time period, there are not enough staff people available to properly monitor the restrooms. The Committee will address the issue at the next meeting.

St. Anne's Supper

MANCHAUG - St. Anne's Church, Main Street, will host a Macaroni and Meatball Supper on Saturday, October 17, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are $4.00 for adults and $2.00 for children under 12. The dinner will include salad, Italian bread, beverage, and dessert.

St. Mark's to Host Craft Fair

SUTTON - St. Mark's Church, 356 Boston Road, will sponsor a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to handmade crafts, children's activities, pictures with Santa, and a white elephant table, refreshments will be offered. Many items will be raffled, including an original chalkware 16-inch German Father Christmas donated by Vaillancourt Folk Art and Friends of Sutton.

Turkey Luncheon

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church, Boston Road at the Common, will host a public luncheon on Wednesday, October 21, from noon to 1 p.m. This buffet style lunch will feature roast turkey with all the fixings. Assorted homemade desserts will also be included. The cost is $3.50.

Appreciation Night

MILLBURY - As of this season, Coach Ron Dunham has resigned as Boy's Varsity Basketball coach at Millbury High School.

A testimonial dinner dance has been organized to celebrate his past successes and to wish him good luck. It will be held Saturday, November 21, at Maironis Park in Shrewsbury at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20 and include a roast beef or turkey dinner.

Tickets are available through October 24. To obtain tickets by mail, make checks payable to Terry Bernard and send to: P.O. Box 615, Millbury, MA 01527. Tickets are also available at the St. Charles Hotel and Millbury Old Time Inn. For further information, call 865-6623.

Family History Awareness Month

To benefit Woolie World

MILLBURY - On Saturday, October 24, the Todisco Family Shell at Route 146 and North Main Street will offer discounted gas prices and donate 5 cents from every gallon pumped that day to Woolie World. There will be treat giveaways and costume characters to help make it a fun family day.

Baseball Card Show

SUTTON - A Baseball Card Show, sponsored by the Sutton Youth Baseball League, will be held Saturday, October 31, at the Dudley-Gendron Post, Boston Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is $1.00, children under 8 free. Tables are available for $25 each or 2 for $40. There will be 30 dealer tables. For table reservations, call Larry Salem at (508) 234-9605.

Students of the Month

MILLBURY - Millbury Jr./Sr. High School has announced that the following students have been selected as Student of the Month for their class: Class of '93 - Stacey Risotti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Risotti, 3 Louis Ballard Lane; Class of '94 - Erin O'Leary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Leary, 15 Sutton Road; Class of '95 - Andrea LaValle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaValle, 97 Grafton Street; Class of '96 - Deidre Sepavich, daughter of Mrs. Donna Sepavich, 9A MacArthur Drive.

Scholarship Dinner Dance

WEBSTER - A Western Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, October 24th at Indian Ranch Campground to benefit local students through the Scholarship Fund of the Worcester Chapter of the Credit Union League of Mass. Tickets are $15.00 which includes a family style BBQ chicken dinner, free Texas Two-Step and Achey-Breaky dance lessons, comedy of Bruce Teall of the Boston Comedy Club. Special MC and guest for the evening will be Barrett Lee of Radio WCTK, 98.1, Providence. Guests will dance to the music of Westbound Records recording artist, Joe Macey and the Joe Macey Band. Raffles and prizes. For more information, contact Pauline Tranter at 756-4339 between 9-5.

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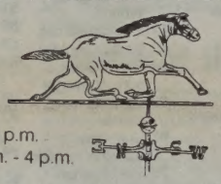

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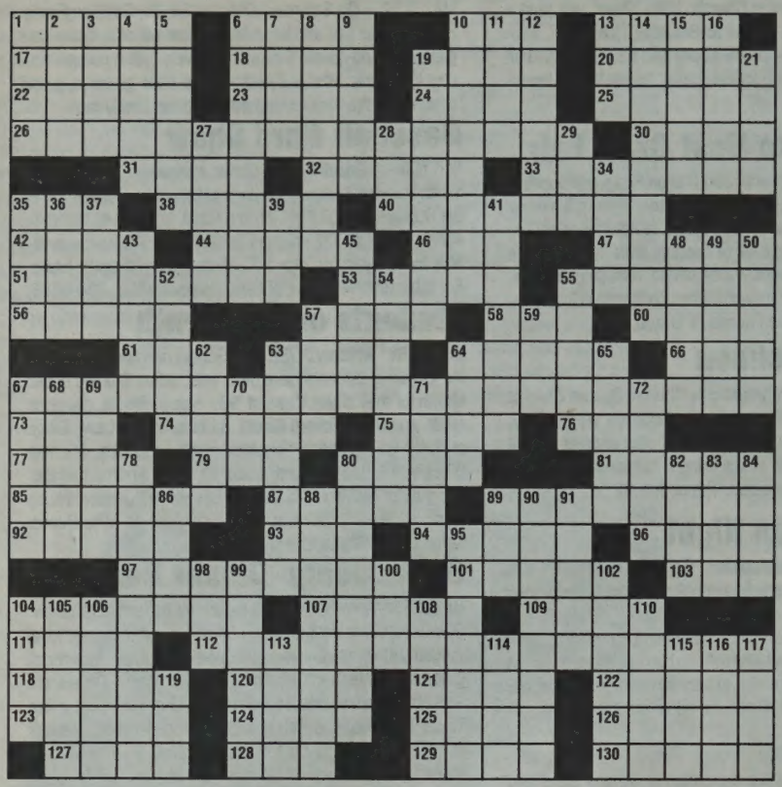

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12 — del Fuego
13 "...we — here"
14 Photographer's request
15 See 14 Down
16 Forty —
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88 Music teacher's remark
89 Mas' mates
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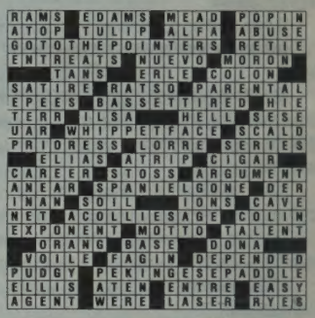

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department to discuss the proposed Route 146/Massachusetts Turnpike Interchange in Worcester and Millbury.

WHERE: Millbury High School
12 Martin Street
Millbury, Massachusetts
WHEN: Thursday, November 12, 1992 at 7:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: The Hearing is to be held to provide the public with the opportunity of becoming fully acquainted with the Environmental Impact Statement/Report for the proposed project. All views and comments made at this Hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of upgrading and relocating approximately four miles of Route 146 in Worcester County, Massachusetts from two to four lanes between I-290 in Worcester and the railroad bridge just south of the Route 146/Route 122A intersection in Millbury, as well as constructing a Massachusetts Turnpike/Route 146/Route 20 Interchange. Also proposed are improvements to the existing interchange between Route 146 and I-290 at Brosnihan Square in Worcester, widening Route 20 from two to four lanes between Granite Street/Park Hill Avenue and Greenwood Street, and construction of a grade-separated interchange at Route 146 and Route 122A in Millbury.

The project is intended to improve the capacity, safety and the regional highway system.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report is available for review at the respective city and town clerk's offices or libraries of Worcester and Millbury or from Thomas Hession 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116.

Written views received by the Department and subsequent to the date of notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to oral statements at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking, are to be submitted to Michael W. Swanson, Chief Engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. The final date for receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten days after this public hearing.

Plans will be on display with an engineer in attendance, at the Quinsigamond Village Community Center at 16 Greenwood Street in Worcester on Thursday, November 12, 1992 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Verbal comments will be recorded during this time period to be included as a part of the official Public Hearing transcript. Written comments will also be received at this time. The plans will also be on display with an engineer in attendance at the Millbury High School from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the date of the hearing.

James J. Kerasiotes
Commissioner
Boston, Massachusetts
October 15 & 22, 1992

Michael W. Swanson
Chief Engineer

Town of Sutton Conservation Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Sutton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 21, 1992, at 7:45 p.m. at the Sutton Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing is to review a Notice of Intent submitted by Thomas Siegel, Jr. It is his intention to construct a single family home and sewage disposal system in which a portion of the associated grading encroaches into the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. This notice is publicized in accordance with the provisions of MGL, Ch. 131, sec. 40.

October 15, 1992

Request for Proposals for the Fiscal Year 1994 Update of Real and Personal Property

The selected contractor shall perform the valuation or updating services described as follows: The contractor shall utilize the existing database in implementing the valuation system as of January 1, 1993. The contractor, at its expense, must familiarize itself with the Town's existing in-house computerized appraisal system and will be responsible for the accurance of the database that is to be updated on the Town's computer in the Assessors Office. The contractor shall demonstrate an ability to work with the in-house appraisal system currently in use in the Assessors office by submitting information pertaining to other projects for which the contractor has used the in-house appraisal system. The contractor shall guarantee certification by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for the valuation date of January 1, 1993, utilizing the Town's in-house appraisal system. Specifications can be picked up at the Millbury Assessors Office, Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA., between 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. All proposals must be sealed and marked "Town of Millbury Valuation Update Proposals." The proposals must be submitted in strict conformance with the bidding requirements contained in the RFP. All proposals will be received at the above office until November 3, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. at which time they will be opened. The Board of Assessors reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in the best interest of the Town of Millbury.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
Walter T. Hagstrom
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October 15, 1992

Sutton Planning Board NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 40A and the Sutton Zoning By-Law Article 13.5, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 2, 1992 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Center, to review a Site Plan application of Alcott Management Co. for property located at 157 Worcester-Providence Road, Sutton.

Copies of the proposed project plans are on file in the Town Clerk's office and may be viewed during regular office hours.

All interested parties are welcome to attend.
Scott Paul, Chairman
October 15 and 22, 1992

Town of Sutton Board of Health Amendments and Technical Corrections for Rules and Regulations

At a Special Board of Health meeting held on October 5, 1992 the Sutton Board of Health made amendments and technical corrections to the newly published Rules & Regulations as follows:

Page #4 - Line #6 - The Board voted to accept and revise regulations, including the 5' offset to groundwater, voted to accept a 4' offset to groundwater.

Page #5 - Line #14 - Wells must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from any property line. Motioned, seconded, voted unanimous.

JoAnn Lambert, Chairman
Sutton Board of Health
October 15, 1992

Contributions sought for bandstand

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand, whose purpose it is to raise funds for the financing of the construction of a bandstand, have completed Phase I of the campaign. They extend their thanks to all who have contributed.

Anyone wishing to contributed to Phase II is asked to send checks payable to The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand and mail to: Charlotte Townsend, 364 Greenwood Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

Friends of the Library

MILLBURY - At the annual meeting of the Friends of the Millbury Public Library, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Tony Army; Secretary and Publicity Chairwoman, Grace Laflash; Corresponding Secretary, Tom Reilly; Treasurer, Susan Johnson.

On Saturday, October 3, a book and bake sale was held. The proceeds will be used for special programs and other library needs. Tony Army would like to thank all who donated books and baked goods, those who worked, and those who patronized the event.

Campaign coordinator

MILLBURY - Bob Brainard, of Grafton Street, has been named Millbury Town Coordinator for the Clinton/Gore Campaign. Anyone interested in working for the campaign can contact Brainard at 865-1904.

"I'm enthusiastic about this campaign," Brainard said, "because Bill Clinton and Al Gore understand the pain the average American is feeling and have pledged to make job creation their top priority. We need to give them a chance to put America back to work."

Harvest Fair

WORCESTER - A Harvest Fair will be held on November 7, from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 64 Salisbury St. The fair will include: handcrafts, Christmas decorations, baked goods, country kitchen items, children's activities, and an apple stand and jewelry. A Swedish meatball luncheon will be served from 11:30 - 1:30. Coffee and Swedish coffee buns will be available all day.

Public Water Supply Award

MILLBURY - The Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Supply and the Northeast Rural Water Association has announced that the Massachusetts American Water Company, Millbury Water System, has been selected as the second place recipient of the 1992 Public Water Supply Award, Medium Community System (ground water source), category, for Outstanding Performance and Achievement in 1991.

The Massachusetts-American System had the second highest score out of the 55 water systems in its category. Their score was rated on a points system, which was determined by compliance with the drinking water regulations, cross connection, statistical reports, and other Division of Water Supply Programs.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on four roll calls from sessions during the week of September 28-October 2.

UNION APPRENTICES (H 5800) - Senate 29-3, House 115-33, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a budget section reducing the power of the Weld Administration's Commissioner of Labor and Industries to establish conditions and training standards for apprenticeship agreements. Override supporters said this will prevent the Commissioner from establishing unsafe journeymen to apprentice ratios of one to one and allow these decisions to continue to be negotiated by labor and management. Opponents said this section is a sweetheart deal between the Democratic leadership and labor unions to institute ratios which will reduce the number of people being trained. They argued it will hurt minorities and women and does not help the economy, businesses, or workers. All three legislators voted for the section reducing the power of the Commissioner.

REGISTRY (H 6010) - Senate 27-8 and 25-8, House 117-30 and 111-29, overrode Governor Weld's vetoes of $750,000 in funding to reopen the Fall River Registry of Motor Vehicles. Override supporters said Fall River area residents are forced to take the day off from work to travel to the New Bedford Registry and stand in line for three hours. Opponents said other registry offices have been closed, and argued the state simply can't afford to reopen the Fall River Registry. Amorello and Moore voted for the $750,000 to reopen on both roll calls. Kollios voted for the $750,000 to reopen on the first roll call and did not vote on the second roll call.

WATER PROJECTS (H 6123) - Senate 25-0, House 130-0, gave final approval and sent to Governor Weld a $677 million bond package to help cities and towns pay for wastewater treatment projects. Supporters said the bill reforms the financing mechanism to fund these water protection projects. They noted the bill also insures reimbursement for many communities which have completed and paid for projects based on promises of state aid.

PLEASE NOTE.....

Because of the length of the articles in today's edition, the majority of the photos scheduled for inclusion in today's paper will be published in next week's paper.

Sutton to see savings from new insurance rating

BOSTON - The new Massachusetts Private Passenger Territory Rating for Sutton will mean that local auto insurers will see a decrease in their 1993 car insurance premiums.

"This is terrific news for local residents and a positive reflection on our community," said Representative Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) who made the announcement. "I am pleased to know that people in Sutton will have a few more dollars to spend after paying their insurance premiums."

According to Moore, Sutton's lowered territory rating reflects a reduction in the categories of bodily injury claims, stolen vehicles and collisions.

"We must all continue to work together to hold these rating factors down," he said. "By improving roadway safety management, enhancing our law enforcement efforts, cutting greed and abuse out of the system, and reforming the ways insurance companies and the medical and legal professions interact, we should be able to enjoy more good news like this in the months and years to come."

The House is currently reviewing a package which aims to make insurance policies less expensive by bringing Massachusetts in line with other states and by halting the costly abuses of the insurance system. Moore said these goals will continue to remain his "top priority."

"While professional lobbies, insurance companies and the like will be trying to water down the benefits we seek to deliver to the insured," he said, "I will be sure to maintain my advocacy for the 'average guy' by continuing to press for what is right: further premium relief."

Bereaved families to meet

WORCESTER - The Compassionate Friends (Worcester Chapter) invites bereaved families of children who have died to its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stoddard Room at the First Baptist Church, 111 Park St., Worcester.

Millbury to receive grant

BOSTON - Senator Matthew J. Amorello (R-Grafton) has announced a $22,000 grant from the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD) for a proposed Worcester-Millbury Industrial Park. Amorello credited former Town Planner David Hulseberg and Steve O'Neil, Director of Worcester Communities and Development, with initiating this proposal.

"I believe that the grant application filed by Millbury and the city of Worcester under the sponsorship of the Central Mass Regional Planing Center, is an encouraging opportunity to develop the town and city line area along Route 20 for possible light industrial and manufacturing uses. The development of this industrial park will foster job creation and increase the tax base of both communities."

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